

Senate Resolution 493

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Dugan of the 30th, Albers of the 56th, Strickland of the 17th, Beach of the 21st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Rita Daniels on her long career of education outreach; and for
- 2 other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Rita Daniels has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
- 4 role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of
- 5 the citizens of Georgia; and

- 6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
- 7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
- 8 dramatically by her superlative service as founder of the Harriet Tubman Learning Center;
- 9 and

- 10 WHEREAS, Rita is the proud great-great-great niece to Harriet Tubman – an escaped
- 11 slave, nurse, and Union spy – who, prior to the Civil War, bravely worked to deliver others
- 12 from slavery using the Underground Railroad, for which she acted as one of many
- 13 "conductors"; and

- 14 WHEREAS, through all her heroic work and difficult life, when she passed in 1913, in her
- 15 early 90s, Harriet Tubman was illiterate; and

- 16 WHEREAS, in Harriet Tubman's honor, Rita established the learning center to provide
- 17 access to a literacy program that includes robotics and youth entrepreneurial classes, as well
- 18 as science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) programs for underserved and
- 19 underprivileged students in the Atlanta area; and

- 20 WHEREAS, Rita's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and
- 21 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have
- 22 earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

23 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
24 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

25 WHEREAS, Rita has served with honor and distinction with the Harriet Tubman Learning
26 Center, and her vision and unyielding commitment to educational outreach have set the
27 standard for public service; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Rita Daniels for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
32 public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
33 health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Rita Daniels.